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John Fitzgerald Kennedy: A Celebration of His Life and Times; *90 mins.; Reader's Digest Video: $69.96 plus $3.45 for delivery. To order, write: Reader's Digest, Customer Service, Home Videos; Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570; or call (800) 431-1726.*

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The one-hour video uses impressive newsreel footage and home movies to cover the highlights of the life and times of JFK and his family. The result is informative and intriguing. It moves rapidly and smoothly and takes you through his 1956 battle for the vice presidency.

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